

**SUGIURA**  
**U.S. National Phase of PCT/JP02/11934**

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims, without prejudice. The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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